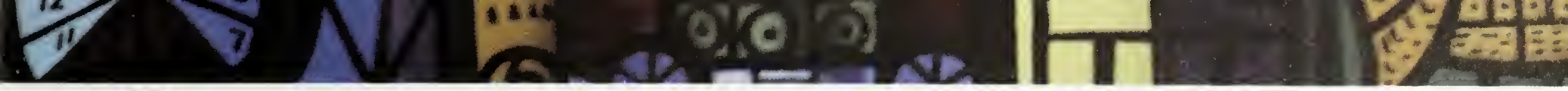

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From the Rabbi's Desk

Some Thoughts on Mel Gibson's Film

It was said that the Pope approved of the film, *The Passion of Christ*. I rather doubt that he had seen it at all, and had probably left it to his advisors to comment. The Jewish world rejoices about the vast improvement in Catholic/Jewish dialogue and understanding in recent years. However, most theologians who have viewed the movie feel that it sets us all back to darker times, when the Church was, to say the least, insensitive to Jewish suffering.

Much of this history has been well documented by Father John F. Morley in his book, *Vatican Diplomacy and the Jews during the Holocaust 1939-43*. A few quotes from his book will acquaint us with the situation. In Croatia, "...the record on the Jews is particularly shameful not because of the number of Jews killed, but because it was a state that proudly proclaimed its Catholic tradition and whose leaders depicted themselves as loyal to the Church and to the Pope. The Holy See's representative... made few efforts to defend the Jews and failed to use his personal and ecclesiastical prestige to aid them." In Slovakia, he writes, "the failure of Vatican diplomacy... must be attributed as much to its own indifference to the deportation of Jews as to any other factor."

Consider also the archbishop of Slovakia's utterance to a delegation of rabbis who had come to intercede for Slovak Jewry and prevent their deportation during World War II (remember, Slovakia was ruled by a Fascist Catholic priest, Father Tiso): "This is no mere expulsion. There you will not die of hunger and pestilence. There they will slaughter you all, old and young, women and children in one day. This is your punishment for the death of our redeemer. There is only one hope for you – to convert all to our religion. Then I shall effect the annulling of this decree."

Rabbi Michael Ber Weissmandel in his book, *Min Hametza*, recalls "the answer given him by the Papal Nuncio when Weissmandel begged to intercede with Father Tiso, who could have helped the Jewish families waiting in a detention camp prior to their deportation to Auschwitz. At first, the cleric merely responded, 'This, being Sunday, is a holy day for us. Neither I nor Father Tiso occupy ourselves with profane matters on this day.' When Rabbi Weissmandel protested that the rescuing of innocent blood could not be consid-

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SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES
March 2004

Friday evening, March 5 ..... 6:15 pm
Followed by *Shabbat* Dinner (Reservations required)

Saturday morning, March 6
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 am
Sanctuary Service ..... 9:15 am
Seminary *Shabbat*
Bar Mitzvah of Merin Pasternak, son of Saree Ptak
Havurah Service ..... 9:30 am

Saturday evening, March 6
Minha Service – Purim ..... 5:45 pm
Family reading of *Megillah* ..... 7:00 pm
Ma'a'Riv & *Havdallah* with *Megillah* Reading ..... 8:00 pm

Sunday morning, March 7
Megillah reading ..... 9:00 am

Friday evening, March 12
Tot *Kabbalat Shabbat* Service ..... 5:15 pm
Rinah U'Tefilah: Song & Prayer Service ..... 6:15 pm

Saturday morning, March 13
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 am
Sanctuary Service ..... 9:15 am

Friday evening, March 19 ..... 6:15 pm
Children's March Birthday Celebration

Saturday morning, March 20
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 am
Sanctuary Service ..... 9:15 am

Friday evening, March 26 ..... 6:15 pm

Saturday morning, March 27
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 am
Shabbat Morning Plus! Sanctuary Service ..... 9:15 am
Tot *Shabbat* Service ..... 11:15 am

Rabbi David H. Lincoln, Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern and Rabbi Paulette R. Posner will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

ered profane, the Nuncio replied, 'There is no innocent blood of Jewish children in the world. All Jewish blood is guilty. You have to die. This is the punishment that has been awaiting you because of that sin.'" This attitude, multiplied thousands of times over and not condemned by the Vatican, contributed to the death of the six million.

There were, in fairness, many exceptions. The Catholic priest in Poland who hid Jewish families was reported by his assistant to the Nazis and shot. The Archbishop of Kolozsvar in Hungarian-occupied Romania protested the deportations. Such heroes were far and few between, however. We are happy about the improvement in the ecumenical feelings. Nevertheless, we would prefer it, if those fraternal relations were not put to the test.

David H. Lincoln,
Senior Rabbi

From the Chairman

As you are reading this, I am sure that winter vacation seems like a distant memory, but two events happened around the world that I wanted to share with you.

On the last night of *Hanukkah*, Andrew and Linda Ferber, members of our Congregation, invited anyone from Park Avenue Synagogue vacationing in Hawaii to join them to celebrate *Hanukkah* and light candles together. Many people from our Synagogue were there, and 87th Street & Madison Avenue no longer seemed so far away.

My family was in Santiago, Chile for the *Maccabi* Games, enjoying the Gold medal game for Masters basketball. The score was very close, but our focus centered on a man we thought we recognized—initially we couldn't quite place him, then, of course, we remembered that for many years our family sat behind him and his family, the Brogs, on the High Holy Days. The cheer was no longer "Go USA"; we got the entire section to say, "Go Park Avenue"!

Both are wonderful examples of what it means to be part of a community. This year, from December 19-27, we will travel as a congregation to Israel. Plan to be on that trip, and come for *Shabbat* services or participate in some of the many programs and classes that our Synagogue offers. This is an incredible community, and I hope that each of you will find your place in it.

Amy A.B. Bressman,
Chairman of the Board

Park Avenue Synagogue Happenings

Purim Fun for All

Greg Wall and His Inter-Galactic Purim Shpielers Marching Band for Young Families

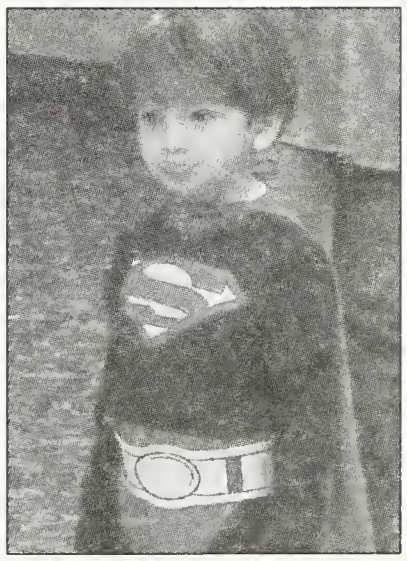
Get out your costumes and come to a one-of-a-kind early-evening musical performance on **Thursday, March 4** at **5:30 pm**, led by the world-renowned Jewish musician, Greg Wall. This program, sponsored by the Family Education / *Kehillah* Department, will be a wonderful way for toddlers, pre-schoolers, kindergartners, parents and grandparents to celebrate *Purim*. Even the musicians will be in costume, and we will have a traditional *Purim* Parade!

Bring the Family for the *Megillah* Reading

Perfect for the entire family! Come and hear the *Megillah* read on **Saturday, March 6** at **7:00 pm** in celebration of Purim.

Don't Miss the *Purim* Carnival

Each year, a group of Rabbi Judah Nadich High School students transform the Lower Level of the Synagogue into a *Purim* Carnival wonderland. Everyone is invited to this year's carnival,



"Road To *Shushan*," on **Sunday, March 7, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm**, where they will be greeted by all new games, prizes, a special ride attraction, food, contests and art workshops with Ellen Alt (11:00 am-1:00 pm). This is the place to have fun and support a good cause through the purchase of tickets, making donations, and buying raffles. Last year, the students raised over $1,400, which was donated to the Park Avenue Synagogue Food Pantry. This year, Carnival co-chairs Candice Michalowicz, Ellie Bressman and Marissa Solomon hope to raise $2,000. In order to do so, they have asked the parents of our Congregational School to help them solicit local businesses and merchants for fabulous raffle prizes; come and be surprised and inspired.

Sisterhood Launches Lecture Series in Memory of Vicky Wimpfheimer

The Sisterhood of P.A.S. is proud to announce the Vicky Wimpfheimer Memorial Lectures, named in loving memory of this long-standing president of Sisterhood, an influential leader of countless committees and causes, and a model for all, who died recently. Rabbi David H. Lincoln will speak on "Influential Jewish Thinkers" at three Tuesday lectures, **March 9, 23** and **30** at **11:00 am**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

A Wine (and *Matzah*) Tasting Challenge!

Are Israeli and other kosher wines equal to others in their price ranges? Come and find out on **Tuesday, March 9** at **7 pm** when the Men's Club will host a Kosher Wine Tasting at the Synagogue. After a short presentation, everyone will have the chance to sample several wines, courtesy of McCabe's, and judge the quality for yourself. This is a great opportunity to choose wines to serve (or give as gifts) at your Passover Seders. The tasting is free to Men's Club members (join at the event!), just $10 for others. Please call Fred Mirsky, (212) 371-3933 to R.S.V.P. or for further information. The Men's Club will follow up with a Kosher Wine and Israeli *Shmurah Matzah* sale. Prices are reasonable, and net proceeds will be applied to the Men's Club's *Tzedakah* Fund to help people in Israel and New York. Please watch for our mailing.

Rinah U'Tefilah: A Joyous Song and Prayer Service

Put a song in your heart and a prayer on your lips on **Friday, March 12** at **6:15 pm** at this uplifting service that provides a spiritual bridge between the hectic pace of the week and the serenity of *Shabbat*. The service will be led by the Rabbis and Cantors and special musical guests, and will be followed by a festive *Kiddush*. Call the synagogue office for more information.

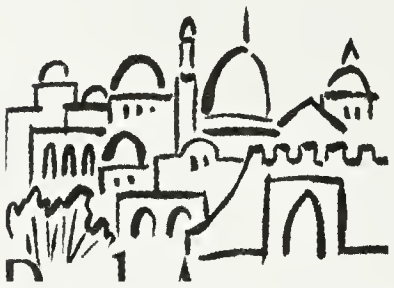
Bein Kodesh L'Chol: Havdallah Program for All Ages

Explore the Jewish heart of India with singer and storyteller Rahel Musleah in a unique performance, *Minha* Masala, on **Saturday, March 13.** The afternoon, co-sponsored by the Congregational School Parents' Association and the Family Education / *Kehillah* Department, will feature food, song and stories, including a selection of kosher Indian treats for *Seudah Shleshit* (the traditional *Shabbat* third meal). This program is perfect for the whole family and is open to all.

Hear Cantorial Stars of the Future in Concert

Our congregational community will have an historic opportunity to enjoy the thrilling talents of cantorial students in concert on **Sunday, March 14** at **5 pm**. For the first time, The Jewish Theological Seminary and The Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion are bringing together their Cantorial Schools in order to create a great concert of Jewish music. Park Avenue Synagogue's Sanctuary, with its great beauty and acoustics, was selected as the ideal setting. Choral conductors JoAnn Rice of The Miller Cantorial School at J.T.S. and Joyce Rosenzweig of The School of Sacred Music at HUC-JIR are working together to prepare this program, assisted by Cantor David Lefkowitz. Come with family and friends to experience the musical splendor, joy and dedication that these young Jewish leaders will bring to American Jewish communities in the very near future.

WEG Presents View of Conservative Judaism in Israel



Women's Evening Group invites all congregants and friends to the Synagogue on **Monday, March 15** at **7:30 pm**, to socialize and to get an update on the broad range of Conservative Jewish activities in Israel, from Riva Silverman, President of the *Masorti* Foundation for Conservative Judaism in Israel. Hear about Conservative *kehillot* across the country, NOAM programs for teenagers, and many other *Masorti* programs that serve the religious needs of immigrants as well as of modern *sabras;* hear, too, how the rights of non-Orthodox Jews are being defended.

Relive Israel's Early Days Through *Exodus*

See the first major film produced in Israel, the Academy Award-winning *Exodus*, starring Paul Newman as an Israeli Resistance fighter, Eva Marie Saint, Sal Mineo, Lee J. Cobb and Ralph Richardson. The screening, sponsored by Sisterhood, will be held on **Wednesday March 17** at **7:30 pm.** Refreshments will be served. All are invited to attend.

Young Couples Group Bowling Night

AMF Chelsea Piers Lanes will be the scene of the fun-filled annual bowling night fundraiser of the Young Couples Group on **Wednesday, March 17** at **7:30 pm.** This event was a huge success last year! Refreshments will be served. There will be a raffle with great prizes too! Watch for details.

Experience *Shabbat* Morning Plus!

You won't want to miss the unique and expanded spirit of song in the *Shabbat* Morning Plus! service on **Saturday, March 27** at **9:15 am** as music bursts forth from every corner of the Sanctuary. Every individual and family will have the opportunity to grow in involvement, knowledge and appreciation of *Shabbat* morning worship.

L'Dor V'Dor: Young Help Old and Old Help Young for Passover

On the morning of **Sunday March 28**, a long-standing tradition will continue when Men's Club members (and others with cars) accompany our High School students as they exchange greetings and deliver over 150 Passover food packages to elderly residents of the Lower East Side, in conjunction with Project Ezra. For information, please leave a message for Misha at the Synagogue.

Interested in a Daytime Book Club?

P.A.S. Sisterhood is planning a monthly *daytime* book discussion group. If you are interested, please contact Renee Waldinger at (212) 860-4308 or *rwaldinger1@nyc.rr.com*.

A Look Back at the *Shabbaton*

Over 400 people braved the cold and wet weather outside to form community on *Shabbat* February 6-7. The warmth inside Park Avenue Synagogue was evident as congregants gathered for *Shabbat* services, dinner, lunch, workshops, and *Havdallah*. Over 35 teens were enthralled as they studied with Rabbi Gordis at the Friday evening after-party; the Sanctuary was packed on *Shabbat* morning, and over 50 children—toddlers to pre-teens—participated in various activities. Thanks to Darcy Dalton and Susan Silverman, co-chairs of the Family Education/*Kehillah* Committee and the *Shabbaton*.

Synagogue Family

March *Bar Mitzvah*

Merin Pasternak

March 6, 2004

Merin Pasternak has been an active participant at Park Avenue Synagogue for the last seven years. He has enjoyed his studies and feels a real commitment to the Jewish community. The P.A.S. trip to Washington, D.C. for the Jewish Solidarity Rally in 2002 is an experience Merin will never forget. Merin is a seventh grader at Horace Mann School, where he enjoys hanging out with his friends and playing sports. In the summer he can be found at Camp Walt Whitman water skiing or on the tennis courts. Merin's warmth and sense of humor provide great enjoyment to his family and friends. Merin would like to thank the Cantors, Rabbis and teachers for helping him prepare for his *Bar Mitzvah* and for making him feel at home in the Synagogue.

Welcome to P.A.S.

Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members to our congregational family:
Mr. Bradley & Mrs. Nisa Amoils, Mr. Robert M. & Mrs. Pamela Cornfield, Mr. Arthur "Greg" & Mrs. Elisabeth Radin, Mr. Derek S. Smith & Ms. Rachel L. Bluth.

With Pride and Congratulations

Park Avenue Synagogue extends a hearty mazel tov to:

- Bernice Friedman and Dr. Garet Mark Gordon, on their marriage, Sunday, February 29 at Park Avenue Synagogue.
- Cantor David Lefkowitz, whose recording of *Kadosh Ata* from the *Yom Kippur N'ilah* service has been selected by a joint committee from The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and The Cantors Assembly for inclusion in *The Spirit of the High Holy Days*. This new CD will be released in May and will be sent to every family in the U.S. affiliated with a United Synagogue congregation. The singing of *Kadosh Ata* is a beloved tradition at P.A.S.

- Stacie & David Schapiro, on the birth of their daughter, Lindsey Rebecca Schapiro, on December 23, 2003.

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and to their families:
David Barnard, upon the passing of his father, Ephraim Lionel Barnard.
Ivy Blumenfeld, upon the passing of her mother, Anne Weisman.
Cheryl Friedman, upon the passing of her father, Irving A. Savits.
Ann Leichtling, upon the passing of her sister, Sarah Ehrenberg.
Dr. Harris M. Nagler, upon the passing of his father, Dr. Simon H. Nagler.
Steven Rizzi, upon the passing of his mother, Ann Rizzi.
Florence Solomon, upon the passing of her sister, Marion Fine.
The family of Susan Wasserman.

Jewish Life and Learning

Adult Study and Learning

Please call Sarah Gribetz (212) 369-2600, ext. 140, to register or reserve. The cost for classes is $25 / members; $40 / non-members, unless otherwise noted.

"Insights into Islam" Lecture Series: The Kurds and the New Middle East

Monday, March 1, 7:00 pm
Howar Ziad, Kurdish Representative, Kurdistan Regional Government, United Nations Liaison Office, was born in Iraqi Kurdistan, educated both in Iraq and the London School of Economics, and comes from a family steeped in the Kurdish freedom movement. He serves at the United Nations as a representative of his people. Mr. Ziad will share an historical context and insights into the current situation in the Middle East and how it relates to the State of Israel and the Jews.

Israel Through Film
Lisa Samick, instructor.
March 11, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

After the screening of the film, there will be a discussion, including the film's impact on Israeli society or on the world's perception of Israel.

Book Discussion Group
Pat Davidson, leader.
March 22, 8:00 pm
Free of charge.
Someone To Run With by David Grossman. (Please read *The Liberated Bride* by A. B. Yehoshua for the May 17 discussion.)

This Month in Israel's History...

To help you learn more about Israel's rich history and feel even more connected to Eretz Yisrael, each month during Park Avenue Synagogue's Israel Year, we will highlight important events in Israel's past. We hope you will discuss them with family and friends, and read more about those that particularly interest you.

Left to right: Golda Myerson (Meir), Minister of Labor; Zalman Shazar, Minister of Education and Culture; Behor Shalom Shitrit, Minister of Police; unidentified; Dov Yosef, Minister of Agriculture, Supply and Rationing; Eliezer Kaplan, Minister of Finance, Trade and Industry; Moshe Shertok (Sharett), Foreign Minister; David Ben-Gurion, Prime Minister and Minister of Defense; Ze'ev Sharef, Cabinet Secretary; Pinhas Rosenblueth (Rosen), Minister of Justice; David Remez, Minister of Transport; Moshe Shapira, Minister of Interior, Immigration and Health; Yitzhak Meir Levin, Minister of Social Welfare; Yehuda Maimon (Fishman), Minister of Religious Affairs and War Casualties.

The First Government of Israel
March 8, 1949 - October 30, 1950
David Ben-Gurion, Prime Minister and Minister of Defense

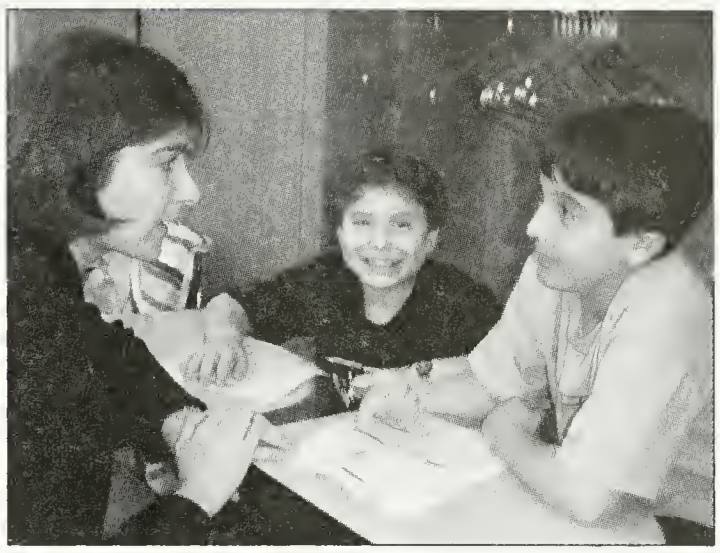
Family Education/*Kehillah*

There's No Place Like Home: Easy Home Rituals for You and Your Child
Rabbi Jennifer Krause, instructor.
Tuesdays, March 2 & 9, 12:15 pm -1:15 pm
Free of charge to those enrolled in *HaMishpachah Sheli* or Jewish JAMS™; for others, $25/members; $40 / non-members.
Turn family time into sacred time, as we go "behind the scenes" of some basic Jewish rituals for the home. Learn how to make these practices a fun, meaningful part of your family's life. Topics will include *Shabbat, Havdallah* and Passover.

Create Your Own Miriam's Cup: A Creative Art Workshop for Mothers, Daughters and Granddaughters (Men welcome too!)
Ellen Alt and Sarah Gribetz, instructors.
March 3 and 10, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm
$25 / family (members); $40 / family (non-members).
Space is still available.

Congregational School

by Renee Ghert-Zand, Director of Education



Teacher Lauren Shedletsky engages Gimel students in discussion of a text.

SPOTLIGHT On Our Faculty

Many in the New York community know that our Congregational School offers a Jewish education second to none. We have excellent students, supportive and involved parents, and a very strong program. However, none of this would translate into such an outstanding education for our children if it were not for our faculty. All schools boast of their faculty, but we truly have bragging rights. We have an extremely accomplished and talented group of teachers working with our students. Not only are they very knowledgeable in pedagogy, Jewish practice, Jewish studies and Hebrew language, but each of them also has a unique background that he or she brings to bear in the classroom. Our faculty members are also fine people, serving as positive role models for the children. It is true that we have a very enriched curriculum, but it is mostly the teachers who bring this curriculum to life and enrich the educational experience at Park Avenue Synagogue.

TAKE THE P.A.S. FACULTY QUIZ!

Do you know which of our teachers...

1. Is trained as a theatre director?
2. Are professional visual artists?
3. Has taught at P.A.S. for 29 years?
4. Is about to become a Ph.D. in Ancient Near East and Bible?
5. Is in charge of computer education at a day school?
6. Is a professor of Hebrew at the Jewish Theological Seminary?
7. Recently played at *Makor*?
8. Was a professional musician and chef before going into Jewish education?
9. Is a Bulgarian Jew?
10. Is on the N.Y.U. volleyball team?
11. Is a professional Cantor who has performed in operas?
12. Recently graduated with a Master's degree from the University of Chicago?
13. Directs camp *Tel Yehuda* in the summer?
14. Teaches the same grade at the Solomon Schechter School of Manhattan that she teaches at P.A.S.?
15. Is a trained biologist, as well as a reading specialist?
16. Is a newlywed?
17. Entertains children in hospitals?
18. Recently became a first-time mom?
19. Went to the *Masorti* (Conservative) high school while growing up in Jerusalem?
20. As a teenager, went to a boarding school for the performing arts?

Answers:

1. Leoni Shani
2. Ellen Alt, Dalit Gurevich
3. Zipora Rubin
4. Lauren Shedletsky
5. Yaffa Nishli
6. Rivka Halperin
7. Brian Gelfand
8. David Shemesh
9. Misha Avramoff
10. Rebecca Coren
11. Jenny Izenstark
12. Isaac Dovere
13. Lisa Samick
14. Rina Moscovitz
15. Aviva Kirchman
16. Jonathan Bayer
17. Judy Prusan
18. Miri Yanai
19. Sarah Simchovitch
20. Iris Vachnoon

March Dates To Remember

- March 2, 6:30 pm – The Next Step (Open House for parents of prospective 2004-2005 students).
- March 2, 4 & 9 – *Vav Tefillin* Workshops (students must bring their *tefillin*).
- March 3 – Purim program for *Bet, Daled* and *Hay* (come in costume!).
- March 5 – *Gimel & Daled Kabbalat Shabbat* service and dinner.
- March 6 – No School (instead, we look forward to seeing everyone at the *Megillah* reading in the evening).
- March 9 – *Gan* trip to *Chabad matzah* bakery.
- March 11 – *Alef* trip to *Chabad matzah* bakery.
- March 29-31 – Model *Seders*.

2006-2007 *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvah* Date Reminder

Dates will be assigned in the spring of 2004. All Day School families should contact Rabbi Stern (369-2600, ext. 123) to ensure that their children will be included in the roster; students enrolled in the Congregational School will be included automatically.

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Early Childhood Center

by Carol Hendin, Director

With Purim almost here and Passover soon approaching, there is much to celebrate and learn about. At the Early Childhood Center, we will don costumes and experience the fun of *Purim*, and then get ready for Passover with stories of the Exodus and traditional foods at our *Sedarim*. It will be a busy month!

March Dates To Remember

- March 4, 5:30 pm – Synagogue Purim Celebration. Everyone is welcome.
- March 7, 11:00 am – Purim Carnival. Everyone is welcome.
- March 10 – Parent Conferences (School Closed).
- March 28, Noon – *Corduroy* at Theatreworks USA, by reservation only.
- March 29 – Passover *Sedarim* for Purple Rooms.
- March 30 – Passover *Sedarim* for Yellow & Red Rooms.
- March 31 – Passover *Sedarim* for Orange & Blue Rooms.
- April 1 – Passover *Sedarim* for Orange & Green Rooms.

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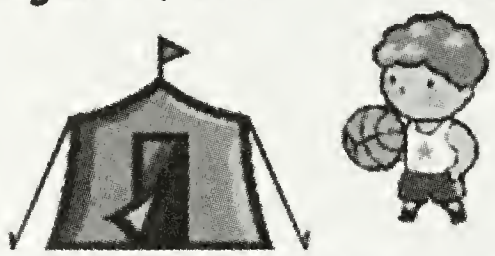
SUMMER DAY CAMP

June 21 - August 6, 2004 ♦ AGES 3-6



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March Birthday Celebration

Bring *Shabbat* into your children's lives by celebrating their birthdays at P.A.S. All children with March birthdays will be called up to the *bimah* and honored at our March Birthday Celebration Service, **Friday evening, March 19 at 6:15 p.m.** Come as a family and celebrate. Call Rabbi Kenneth Stern's office for more information.

Tot *Shabbat* Services

These services are a wonderful opportunity for toddlers and pre-school aged children to celebrate *Shabbat* with their parents, grandparents and friends, and are very popular among our young families. Join us in prayer, song, story and dance.

- ***Kabbalat Shabbat* Service, Friday, March 12, 5:15 pm- 6:00 pm**, led by Jody Prusan.
- **Tot *Shabbat* Service, Saturday, March 27, 11:15 am-12 Noon**

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A birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, new grandchild, etc? Sponsor a breakfast *Kiddush* any weekday after our Morning *Minyan*! Call Lynn Schneider in the Synagogue office for more information (212) 369-2600.

Seminary *Shabbat*

In celebration of the close connection between Park Avenue Synagogue and the Jewish Theological Seminary, we will hold Seminary *Shabbat*, on **Saturday, March 6** at **9:15 am**. We are honored that J.T.S. Chancellor Dr. Ismar Schorsch will speak to the congregation during the service. You won't want to miss Dr. Schorsch's inspiring words.

The P.A.S. Bereavement Group

Those who have lost loved ones or friends will find support and understanding at Park Avenue Synagogue's Bereavement Group. The group meets monthly and is facilitated by Dr. Sheila Erlich, a licensed psychologist.
Upcoming meetings will take place on Thursday **March 11, April 15,** and **May 13, 4:00-5:00 p.m.** in the Family Room. For additional information, please call Rabbi Kenneth Stern at (212) 369-2600.

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On behalf of the Officers and Board of Trustees, I would like to thank all those who have given to our annual *Kol Nidre* Appeal between January 8, 2004 and February 8, 2004. Your generous donations help Park Avenue Synagogue maintain the level of our dynamic programming and community social action efforts, such as the Food Pantry.

The *Kol Nidre* Appeal is the only Synagogue-wide fundraising campaign that we conduct each year, and the funds that are raised help the annual Synagogue operating budget in countless ways. We are under new financial pressure because:

- Membership dues account for only 38% of the operating budget;
- Our security and insurance costs have more than tripled in the last two years;
- Maintaining our inspiring sanctuary and landmark facility, parts of which date back to 1927, requires constant attention and improvement.

More than ever we need your generous contributions. Again, our heartfelt thanks to those who have given. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make a *Kol Nidre* pledge, we look forward to hearing from you.

B'shalom,

Marty Halbfinger
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Vivian Finkel Education Fund

Evelyn Gelman, in memory of Sol Feinman and Anna Rekaut, brother and sister of Vivian Finkel.

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Mrs. Evelyn Gelman, in memory of her beloved mother, Lillian Cohen Goldstein.

High School Food Pantry

Adam E. Beren & Ellen Ginsburg Beren, in honor of Amy & Bob Bressman's 25th wedding anniversary.
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Delgado, in honor of the birth of their grandson, Daniel Friedman, son of Peter & Zahava Friedman.
Juliet & Leon Demb, in honor of their grandson, Alexander Brill, on the occasion of his *Bar Mitzvah*.
Juliet & Leon Demb, in honor of their birthdays.
Herb & Harriet Feiwel, in memory of Vicki Wimpfheimer.
Rachael & Mark First, in memory of Saul Levin.
Rachael & Mark First, in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of David Louis First.
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Anita & Stanley Gluck, in memory of Dr. Simon H. Nagler.
Anita & Stanley Gluck, in memory of Hannah Chalkin.
Mr. & Mrs. A. Stanley Gluck, in memory of their beloved uncle, Benjamin Glass.
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Mrs. Sharon Jablon.
Dr. & Mrs. Irwin Kantor, in honor of their anniversary.
Judge & Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan, in memory of Dr. Simon H. Nagler, father of Dr. Harris M. Nagler.
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Stanley & Jane Kreinik, in memory of Dr. Simon H. Nagler, father of Dr. Harris M. Nagler.
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Florence & Mac Rosen, in honor of Anita Gluck on her birthday, with all good wishes to our special friend.
Lynn Schneider, in honor of Paulette & Jeremy's wedding.
TCRM Commercial, in honor of Phil Agisim on his 85th birthday, from all his friends. Wishing him the best of health and happiness always.
Roberta & Eugene Zinbarg, in memory of the mother of our Ritual Coordinator, Mark Fraier.

Library Fund

Joe & Dorothy Bamberger, in honor of Phil Agisim on his special birthday.
The Kushner Family, in memory of Marion Fine, sister of Florence Solomon.
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Dr. Barbara Weinstein, in memory of her beloved brother, Ira Neal Weinstein.

Prayer Book Fund

Carolyn & Neil Coplan, in memory of Irving A. Savits, father of Cheri Friedman.
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Dr. & Mrs. Bernard Goldberg, in memory of Sherman Kupfer.
Mrs. Marjorie Neuwirth, in memory of her beloved husband, Alexander Neuwirth.
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Patricia & Milton Fuchs, in memory of Dr. Egon Fisher.
Mrs. Carole Y. Gliedman, in memory of her beloved brother, Stuart Freeman.
Mrs. Ruth Pordy, in honor of Rabbi Stern, Rabbi Posner, Cantor Lefkowitz and Cantor Abramson, for their wonderful support.

Synagogue Offerings

Mrs. Albertine J. Aboody, in memory of her beloved husband, Joseph Aboody.
Mrs. Deanna Adler, in honor of her birthday.
Mr. Robert Adler, in memory of his beloved father, Gustave Adler.
Mr. Philip Agisim, in honor of his birthday.
Mr. Clarence S. Barasch, in memory of his beloved father, Morris Barasch.
Mrs. Mary Barnett, in memory of her beloved mother-in-law, Elsa Barnett.
Mrs. Sheri Bleustein, in memory of her beloved father, Howard Simon.
Lisa, Michael and Steven Borodkin, in honor of the birth of their daughter and sister, Julia Candice.
Debbie & David Brand, in memory of Jay H. Rosenfeld, father, of James Rosenfeld.
Mr. Mordecai B. Braunstein, in memory of his beloved mother, Helen Braunstein.
Mrs. Shiela Braunstein, in memory of her beloved father, Harry Goldklang.
Mrs. Esta Chavkin, in memory of her beloved mother, Janet Greenberg.
Dr. Juliet Demb, in honor of her birthday.
Hon. Conrad Duberstein, in memory of his beloved mother, Esther Duberstein.
Mr. Bernard Elkies, in memory of his beloved father, Louis Elkies.
Mrs. Fran Evans, in memory of her beloved father, Joseph S. Rosenthal.
Mr. Ronald Feiman & Dr. Hilary Ronner, in honor of their anniversary.
Mrs. Ethel Feuer, in honor of her birthday.
Mrs. Estelle Florence, in memory of her beloved husband, Lee Florence.
Mrs. Karen Frankel, in memory of her beloved sister, Dr. Shelley Laby Gottheim.
Mr. Edgar Freitag, in memory of his beloved father, Fred Freitag.
Mr. Frederick M. Friedman, in memory of his beloved father, Abraham H. Friedman.
Mr. Philip Friedman, in memory of his beloved father, Daniel Friedman.
Mrs. Eleanor Frommer, in memory of her beloved father, Benjamin J. Goldman.
Mrs. Mary Goldman, in memory of her beloved sister, Shirley Joselow.
Mrs. Mary Goldman, in memory of her beloved husband, Bertram Schwartz.
Mr. William Gorin, in memory of his beloved mother, Deborah Gorin.
Mr. David Greenbaum, in memory of his beloved father, Walter Greenbaum.
Mr. Charles Greenberg, in honor of his birthday.
Mr. Leon I. Heller, in memory of his beloved mother, May Heller.
Mrs. Susan Heller, in honor of her birthday.
Mrs. Della Honig, in memory of her beloved mother, Ann Reinkraut.
Mr. Robert Hougie, in honor of his 40th birthday.
Mrs. Carol Judelson, in memory of her beloved grandmother, Marie Reinisch.
Mrs. Carol Judelson, in memory of her beloved husband, Stephen Judelson.
Mrs. Carol Judelson, in memory of her beloved grandmother, Annie Slavitt.
Mr. Stephen Judlowe, in memory of his beloved father, Abram Judlowe.
Mr. & Mrs. David B. Julie, in loving memory of her mother, Nettie Goodman on her 10th *Yahrzeit*.
Mrs. Barbara Kaplan, in memory of her beloved father, Dr. Abraham Isadore Fingeroth.
Mr. Howard Kaplan, in memory of his beloved father, Louis Kaplan.
Mrs. Marilyn Katz, in memory of her beloved father, Irving Greenberg.
Dr. Robert Katz, in memory of his beloved father, Henry Katz.
Mr. Gershon Kekst, in memory of his beloved brother, Zalman Abraham Kekst.
Mrs. Gladys B. Kessler, in memory of her beloved father, Charles Blooomfield.
Dr. & Mrs. Adam R. Kolker, in honor of their anniversary.
Mrs. Roma Korris, in memory of her beloved father, Reb. Samuel Kantor.
Mr. Harry Krieger, in honor of his birthday.
Mrs. Dorothy Lang, in memory of her beloved father, Abraham Kleiman.
Mrs. Ann Leichtling, in memory of her beloved husband, Martin Leichtling.
Mr. Martin Levenson, in memory of his beloved father, Barney Levenson.
Phyllis, Bernard, Lionel, Alexander, and Evan Leventhal, in loving memory of a beautiful lady, Vicki Wimpfheimer.
Mrs. Joyce Levine, in honor of her birthday.
Mrs. Linda Levine, in memory of her beloved mother, Rose Rothman.
Mr. Edward Lipiner, in memory of his beloved brother, Jack Lipiner.
Mr. Marc Lipschultz, in honor of his birthday.
Mr. Joseph Lonner, in honor of his birthday.
Ms. Eileen Lewis-Lurin, in memory of her beloved mother and father, Esther F. Lewis and Jack G. Lewis.
Ms. Lili Mahlab, in memory of her beloved father, Edward Mahlab.
Mrs. Natalie Marcus, in memory of her beloved mother, Anna Freiman.
Mrs. Natalie Marcus, in memory of her beloved father, Morris Freiman.
Mrs. Janet Moss, in memory of Lenore Weinstein.
Mrs. Janet Moss, in memory of her beloved sister, Adelaide Prince.
Mrs. Janet Moss, in memory of Arthur Fried's mother.
Dr. Brian Pollack, in honor of his birthday.
Mrs. Ruth Pordy, in memory of her beloved husband, Dr. Leon Pordy.
Gail & Michael Rogers, in honor of Roberta & Frank Wolf.
Mrs. Ellen Roizen, in memory of her beloved father, Sheldon Rodbell.
Dr. Hilary Ronner, in honor of her birthday.
Mr. Imre Roth, in memory of his beloved brother, Leslie Roth.
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Mrs. Doris Siskin, in honor of her birthday.
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Dr. & Mrs. Philip Snell, in honor of their anniversary.
Dr. Martin Spergel, in memory of his beloved father, Julius Spergel.
Yutta Tannhauser, in honor of the anniversary of Dr. & Mrs. Maury N. Harris.
Mrs. Karla Toledano, in memory of her beloved mother, Sylvia Sloves.
Ms. Jacqueline Wahl, in memory of her beloved mother, Juliette Rosenblum Wahl.
Melissa and Rebecca Walk, in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of Sarah Abramovitz.
Mr. Edward M. Weinstein, in memory of his beloved mother, Carol Weinstein.
Ms. Ellen Yuder, in memory of her beloved mother, Edna Davidman.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS for MARCH 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Parents Association Meeting 7:00 pm "The Kurds & the New Middle East" lecture 7:30 pm WEG Board Meeting	**2** 8:00 am Talmud Study with Rabbi David Lincoln 11:00 am Tuesday Topics with Rabbi Kenneth Stern 12:15 pm Easy Home Rituals 6:00 pm Officers' Meeting 6:30 pm CS Open House 7:00 pm Beginners' Hebrew & Immersion & Conversion with Rabbi Paulette Posner	**3** 10:00 am Adult *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* Class 6:30 pm Miriam's Cup Art Workshop 7:30 pm Hebrew Class: Beyond Beginners 8:00 pm "David" Class	**4** *Taanit Ester* 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn 5:30 pm ECC *Purim* Marching Band 8:15 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	**5** 6:00 pm *Gimmel* & *Daled* Service & Dinner 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service & Dinner 5:32 pm Light Candles	**6** 7:30 am *Hashkama* Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service-*Bar Mitzvah* of Merin Pasternak Seminary *Shabbat* 9:30 am *Havurah* Service 5:45 pm *Minha* Service-*Purim* 7:00 pm Family *Megillah* Reading-*Purim* 8:00 pm *Megillah* Reading
7 *Purim* 9:00 am *Megillah* Reading 11:00 am *Purim* Carnival & Art Workshops	**8** *Shushan Purim*	**9** 8:00 am Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln 11:00 am Sisterhood Lecture 12:00 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting 12:15 pm Easy Home Rituals Class 7:00 pm Men's Club Wine Tasting 7:15 pm Immersion & Conversion with Rabbi Paulette Posner	**10** 10:00 am Adult *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* Class 6:30 pm Miriam's Cup Art Workshop	**11** 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn 7:00 pm Israel Through Film 7:00 pm *Parsha* Class 4:00 pm Bereavement Group	**12** 5:15 pm Tot *Kabbalat Shabbat* 6:15 pm Friday Evening *Rinah U'Tefilah* Service 5:40 Light Candles	**13** *Bein Kodesh L'Chol* 7:30 am *Hashkama* Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service 10:00 am Junior Congregation 10:30 am High School *Shabbat* 11:00 am *Nitzanim Shabbat* Service
14 5:00 pm Cantorial Student Concert	**15** 7:30 pm WEG *Masorti* Foundation Discussion	**16** 8:00 am Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln 11:00 am Tuesday Topics with Rabbi Kenneth Stern 1:00 pm Sisterhood Film Program-*Exodus* 7:15 pm Immersion & Conversion with Rabbi Paulette Posner	**17** 10:00 am Adult *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* Class 7:30 pm Young Couples Club Bowling Fundraiser	**18** 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn	**19** 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service Children's March Birthday Service 5:48 pm Light Candles	**20** 7:30 am *Hashkama* Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service 10:00 Junior Congregation Service 11:00 am *Nitzanim Shabbat* Service
21	**22** 8:00 pm Book Discussion Group	**23** 8:00 am Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln 11:00 am Sisterhood Lecture 6:30 pm ECC-PA Meeting 7:15 pm Immersion & Conversion with Rabbi Paulette Posner	**24** 10:00 am Adult *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* Class	**25** 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn	**26** 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service 5:55 pm Light Candles	**27** 7:30 am *Hashkama* Service 9:15 am *Shabbat* Morning Plus! Sanctuary Service 10:00 am Junior Congregation 11:00 am Nitzanim *Shabbat* Service 11:15 am Tot *Shabbat* Service
28	**29** 2:30 pm Congregational School Seder	**30** 8:00 am Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln 11:00 am Sisterhood Lecture 2:30 pm Congregational School Seder 7:15 am Immersion & Conversion with Rabbi Paulette Posner	**31** 10:00 am Adult *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* Class 2:30 pm Congregational School Seder 6:30 pm HS Junior/Senior Seminar			

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Mondays	2:30 pm	to	6:00 pm
Tuesdays	2:30 am	to	3:45 pm
Wednesdays	2:30 pm	to	4:15 pm
Thursdays	2:30 pm	to	6:00 pm

REMEMBER THE DAILY MINYANIM

Monday - Friday at 7:15 am

Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9 am

Sunday - Thursday at 5:45 pm

Saturday afternoons March 6 and March 13 at 5:45 pm;
March 2 and March 27 at 6:00 pm

Listings are accurate as of February 1, 2004. Dates & times are subject to change. Please check with the Synagogue office to confirm calendar information.

A Look Ahead

Men's Club Museum Tour

Sunday, April 18

To coincide with *Yom HaShoah*, the Men's Club will sponsor a tour of the Museum of Jewish Heritage in downtown Manhattan. Please call Dennis Karr, (212) 372-2000, for details.

WEG to Commemorate *Yom HaShoah* With a Film About Righteous Gentiles

Monday, April 19, 7:30 pm
(rescheduled from February)

Plan to attend a showing of *Sisters in Resistance*, a moving film about four young women friends in Paris during World War II, who tell the story fifty years later of how they fought the atrocities of the German troops. In showing this film, which has been aired on public TV, WEG honors the many non-Jewish people who risked their own lives because of their inner drive for moral decency.

Save the Date for the Young Couples Group

Wednesday, April 21, 7:45 pm

Watch for more details of a wonderful and stimulating evening that will take place at the home of Tammy and Steve Weinfeld. The discussion topic will be announced. Call the Synagogue for details.

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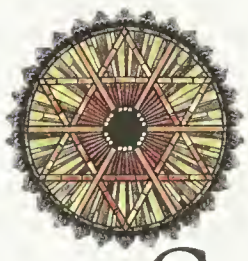

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